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THE HISTORY OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA. By Jos. B. Dunn.

Published by the county [1907] pp. 71, with illustrations and map.

Part of the good work done by the Jamestown Exposition was inducing the publication by a number of Virginia counties of hand-books, giving accounts, more or less complete, of their history and resources. These publications have been of considerable value. They have not only given information to strangers of the great and diversified opportunities open in Virginia, but they have helped to teach the people of our counties what emphatically most of them do not know—that is, something of their own history.

The little book here treated of is the work of Rev. J. B. Dunn, of Suffolk, who has for several years been deeply interested in the history and antiquities of Nansemond. The total destruction of the county records made his task a hard one, but he has prepared what is certainly the best account of the county ever published, and probably the best that can be presented. Nine pages of the history are devoted to an account of the Dismal Swamp, part of which is within the boundaries of Nansemond county. It would be fortunate if every county in the State had a historian as zealous and as well qualified as Mr. Dunn.

This book, together with much valuable information in regard to the resources of Nansemond can be obtained from those in charge of the county exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition.

GENEALOGICAL NOTES ON THE TYRRELL AND TERRELL FAMILY OF VIRGINIA, AND ITS ENGLISH AND NORMAN PROGENITORS. By Edwin H. Terrell. San Antonio, Texas. 1907.

This is a pamphlet of 28 pages, devoted chiefly to notices of various English and French Families of Tyrell, Tirrell or Terrell. The Virginia family treated of is that which claims descent from William Terrell, who came to the colony in the latter half of the seventeenth century.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PULPIT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. Edited by Henry Thompson Louthan. The Baptist Churches of America: Distinct as the Billows, Yet One as the Sea. Published by the Editor. Williamsburg, Va. 1903 Presses of the J. L. Hill Printing Company, Richmond, Va., pp. 703, with portraits.

Professor Louthan, of William and Mary College, has selected with great good judgment a large number of recent sermons by repre-

sentative Baptist ministers throughout the United States and its dependencies. This great collection, illustrating Baptist thought and Baptist methods at the beginning of the new century, will be of the deepest interest to the denomination especially concerned, but will also find a wide circle of readers outside of those who share in the beliefs of the preachers. The Baptist Church is so great an influence in the United States that all thoughtful students must desire to know its aims and beliefs as set forth by its leaders.

It is pleasant to see old William and Mary, broad and liberal as it has always been from the time of Madison's presidency, representing so well in its faculty so many of the interests that are working together for the temporal and spiritual welfare of our people.

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER INDEX OF PERSONS. Volume I. 50. Boston. New England Historic Genealogical Society.

The *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* has been for more than fifty years an indispensable work for students of American history and genealogy. Each volume was carefully indexed as issued, but as time passed and the great mass of volumes steadily grew, the absolute necessity for a general index was felt. Perhaps no publication ever issued has contained more names of persons than the Register, but its rich treasures of information were in danger of being obscured by their very bulk. The work of preparing a general index worthy of the Register was one requiring much time and labor and great expense, but all obstacles have been overcome and the index is now well under way. It is most complete. Two volumes and the first part of a third have been published.